

**Our Advertisers Are Offering Some Very Attractive Bargains This Week. Better Look Them Up.**

**What It Cost the Democrats**  
The Democratic national committee received \$620,644.77, and spent \$619,410.06 during the recent presidential campaign, leaving a balance on hand of \$1,234.71. So reads a statement made public by the officers of the committee and the itemized statement will be filed for record in the office of the secretary of state of New York, in compliance with the resolution adopted by the national committee includes a certificate of audit by Myron D. King, auditor of the national committee. The statement is as follows:

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 18, 1908.  
"The Democratic National Committee,  
"Following is a statement of all the receipts and expenditures:

attorney:  
"Total amount of money received by the Democratic national committee for the year 1908, is \$620,644.77.

"Total amount disbursed, \$619,410.06.

"Balance on hand \$1,234.71.  
"In compliance with the election law of the state of New York we have filed in the office of the secretary of state at Albany a complete list of all receipts and expenditures of the headquarters at New York. And in compliance with a resolution of the national committee passed at Lincoln, Neb., last July, as we have filed in the office of the secretary of state at Albany a list of over 25,000 names, representing over 100,000 contributors, who contributed through newspapers, solicitors and other organizations whose names are on file in the office of the chairman of the state at Buffalo, N. Y. The auditor's Democratic national committee report, confirming the above, is attached hereto. Yours respectfully.

**NORMAN E. MACK,**

"Chairman.

"**UREY WOODSON,**

"Secretary.

"**HERMAN RIDDER,**

"Treasurer.

"**JOHN E. OSBORNE,**

"Vice Chairman Finance Committee.

"**JOHN W. COX,**

"Assistant Treasurer.

"**JOHN P. BOULIN,**

"Assistant Treasurer."

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 16, 1908.

"Auditor of the Democratic National Committee:

"Norman E. Mack, chairman,

and Herman Ridder, treasurer,

Democratic National Committee, Buffalo, N. Y.:

"Dear Sirs: I herewith submit the following report of the records of the auditor's office, showing vouchers drawn on requests of the head of departments and duly authorized bills. The classification of all of said disbursements by the vouchers is shown by department as nearly as possible. In addition to departmental exhibits, I have included in the itemized statement the cost of telegrams, postage, and express charges separately. I respectfully suggest that the national committee give attention to the great importance of a well directed business system for the government of future departments of the committee in the work of a national campaign. The proper selection of a person to fully prepare such system as I deem necessary to urge, would prove a saving of a large amount of money. Respectfully submitted.

**MYRON D. KING,**

"Auditor Democratic National Committee"

"Total amount of money received by the national Democratic committee for the year 1908, \$620,644.77.

"Total amount disbursed, \$619,410.06.

Balance on hand, \$1,234.71.

"Distribution of disbursement by vouchers, shown by departments of the Democratic national committee, 1908:

"Auditors office, \$866.50.

"Secretary's office, \$4,108.51.

"Treasurer's office, \$5,073.21.

"Commercial travelers, \$153.

"Club organization bureau, \$5,020.76.

"Labor bureau \$37,401.36.

"Advisory committee, \$3,020.95.

"Organization of states, \$129,053.62.

"Purchasing agent's department, \$1,340.73.

"Finance committee, \$26,586.54

"Congressional committee \$3,625.

"Publicity bureau, \$88,899.43

"Sergeant-at-arms, \$4,046.37

"Documents, \$142,537.26

"Chairman and vice-chairman, \$6,430.

"Reproduction bureau, \$5,115.60.

"Speakers' bureau, \$33,768.05.

"General funds, \$38,111.80.

"Rent of headquarters, \$13,746.72.

"Telegrams, \$13,761.90.

"Telephone, \$2,199.90.

"Express charges, \$13,061.17.

"Postage, \$37,452.54.

"Total, \$619,410.06."

**The Government's Finances**

Although the government receipts from custom internal revenue and other sources continue to show gratifying increases over last year the increases in expenditures are materially greater. For the month of November, 1908, the receipts were \$48,002,690, as against \$45,529,325 for November last year, an increase of \$2,473,365.

The expenditures for the month are shown to have aggregated \$51,398,132 as against \$43,322,208 for November, 1907, an increase of \$8,075,924. Taking the last seven months as a basis of calculation the deficit for the present fiscal year will be from \$112,000,000 to \$115,000,000.

Customs receipts received last month aggregated nearly \$23,000,000 as against \$22,000,000 for November, 1907, the first of the fiscal months.

Internal revenue also showed a gain of about \$2,600,000. Miscellaneous receipts fell off about \$1,100,000.

During the month the civil and miscellaneous expenses increased 3 million. The war item increased nearly \$27,000.00 and the expenditures on account of the Panama canal and other public works increased \$3,400,000.

The deficit for the month of November is shown to be \$10,700,000 and for seven months of current year a deficit is shown of \$54,000,000.

**Commercial Club**

The special meeting of the Great Bend Commercial club, held in place of the regular meeting, was pulled off at the club rooms Tuesday evening, with a fair attendance. The routine business was transacted, and then officers were elected for the ensuing year resulting in the same set that has so ably conducted the affairs of the club for three years past, except that Ira Brougher absolutely refused to serve as a director any longer, and C. L. Gunn was elected in his place.

The annual reports of the secretary and treasurer were presented. Below is the report of the former, showing the financial standing of the club.

Cash Received

Balance on hand last report

Nov. 6th, 1907,..... \$274. 00

Membership fees and monthly dues..... 758.00

Water rent returned..... 2.00

Refund on green bugs..... 2.68

Total..... 1036.68

Disbursements

Janitor for services and incidentals..... 146.10

Coal..... 52.30

Lights..... 51.25

Periodicals..... 2.70

Water rental..... 6.55

Printing..... 3.75

Rent..... 167.00

Telephone..... 23.35

Postage..... 5.90

Taxes..... 2.87

Miscellaneous..... 164.88

Total..... \$625.75

Balance cash on hand..... 410.63

Total..... 1036. 38

Number of members 68.

The above statement is correct and shows the condition of the finances of the Club on the 17th day of November, 1908.

**PORTER YOUNG,**

Secretary.

Henry Everett and son Will made a trip to Oklahoma this week to look at the country in the east end of the state.

**Salina Poisoning Case.**

W. E. Forney stated Wednesday that he suspected one of his wife's relatives, a farmer of Rush county of sending the alleged poison cake which he received through the mails Thanksgiving day. He stated also that he had been accused by him of marrying Miss Giesick for her money, and this was the first Forney or his wife knew she had money. A suit for a settlement was then brought. This, Forney says, made greater trouble between him and the Giesicks.

One lone Thanksgiving cake sent through the mail by someone from some place to W. E. Forney, of 246 Kansas avenue, Salina, Kansas, contained enough poison to kill an army and Mr. Forney was wise enough to set the tempting piece of pastry aside for an investigation after Thanksgiving day. The cake was a coconut affair and had a fine frosting on it. It was a two-layer cake and baked to suit a queen. But the strychnine was distributed through it so plentifully that the crystals stuck through the frosting and Mr. Forney thought they were glass.

The cake was received in a shoe box, delivered to the Forney home by a postman. It was immediately opened, and as some of the frosting had become loosened from the cake, Mrs. Forney put a few crumbs into her mouth. She spat it out and exclaimed that it was bitter. A hasty examination showed that the frosting was covered with particles of crystals and Mr. Forney was suspicious immediately, although he had no idea who would attempt to do him injury in that manner.

The matter was reported to the postoffice authorities and A. M. Steadman, the local inspector, advised him to send the cake to Topeka for analysis, which he did, with the result of finding the poison.

Forney is living with his second wife, whom he married at Lacrosse, in Rush county, a few years ago. The marriage was opposed by the girl's family. He had been divorced from his first wife but a year. His second wife's name was Lizzie Giesick and her father and brothers live in Rush county now. A few months ago, when Forney was at LaCrosse, he met three of his wife's brothers and they proceeded to give him a good beating which cost their father considerable money to defend them in a court case that followed. About that time Mrs. Forney told her husband some things about her family that incensed him greatly and when it became known that she had told this, the family troubles grew more strenuous and the father and brothers, Forney says, have been making trouble for him almost continuously.

**W. O. W.**

The Woodmen of the World held a big meeting Tuesday night at which time occurred the election of officers for the coming year. There was a good attendance and the meeting was followed by a banquet. There was a big rally of the order in Wichita Thursday and Friday and about 30 members of the local camp attended. The W. O. W. has a few million dollars surplus and a \$1,000,000 home is to be erected somewhere in Kansas. Wichita wants it and is holding the rally. Members from three states were present and Great Bend contingent made a try to have it located here.

The officers elected Tuesday night were:

Oscar Marshall, Consul Com.

Sam Pratt, Advisor Lieut.

Ed Chapman, Banker.

W. G. Strong, Clerk.

A. Nicolet, Watchman.

W. T. Hart, Escort.

F. J. Johnson, Sentry.

L. Plankenhorn, member of Board of Managers.

When you want a furnace put in, a hot water or steam plant installed, plumbing done, a bath tub or a wash stand put in, a deep well put down, or any kind of machine or tin work done, see us please.

**E. R. Moses Mercantile Co.**

Sheriff Dalmiel has taken Henry Wise to the penitentiary.

**Dr. Edward's Letter.**

Soochow, China.—This morning I woke up and looked out of the narrow window of my house boat, upon the crumbling walls of what is probably the oldest and most historic city in all China. It might be well, however, before I tell about this interesting city, to tell how it comes that I am on a house boat away up the Yangste river. The house boat is quite an institution in China. It is nothing like the banty boats on American rivers, it is built for comfort of travelers, and is navigated at the end of a rope drawn by a power launch. Foreigners in China have houseboating down to a fine point, and naturally so, for the country is a network of canals and there is no railroad communication between points in the interior. The better class of Chinese are also great users of the house boat, and with them it is no new institution for they had before the dawn of the Christian era. The house boat of the wealthier Chinese mandarins are most elaborate affairs, so far as decorations are concerned.

Foreigners have improved the house boats until they are comfortable homes, and one can hire them for a small sum. In our party there are five of us, and we have a houseboat, with six boatmen, two cooks and two boys to wait on the table. The total cost of this with these men and provisions to run us is but five dollars, gold a day.

Ordinarily the house boat moves along at snail pace, pulled by men on the bank of the canal by means of rope, but we decided to take a trip to Soochow and found several other house boats going at the same time so we clubbed together and employed the services of a Japanese who owns a steam launch, and we traveled on train up the canal. In the four other boats were a lot of young foreigners, English and American, going to the paddy fields to hunt, and one boat carried a missionary and his wife, returning to their work after a vacation in Japan.

This picturesqueness of the scenery seemed uncanny and unreal. It was a bright moonlight night as we came up the Yangste river, and from every house boat came sounds of music and merry voices. We left Shanghai in the afternoon and when we awoke this morning we were at Soochow the city that has been the center of much of Chinese history. Here the Taipings made their last stand in our own day; here 'Chinese Gordon' broke the power of the Chinese forever, in the bloodiest battle in all this bloody land; it was here that Prince Li 'Jung Chang achieved favor at the hands of his royal master by treacherously beheading four rebel kings who, under his promise of mercy, had surrendered.

They are very old, these walls, so old that not even legend tells when they were built. They were old when Solomon built the temple at Jerusalem. So well have they stood the attack of time that they are strong today, and 'at their base the children of Christ' are still standing. The track of the Shanghai-Nanking railway is but a stone's throw from their base. It is claimed that within these walls eight hundred thousand of the inhabitants of Soochow fell victims of fire and sword during the Taiping rebellion, but the old city rapidly recovered her loss and is today one of the greatest marts in all China. Her game market is with out equal in the world, for she stands at the edge of the most wonderful game country to be found anywhere. Deer, boar, hare, rabbit, pheasant, partridges, quail, woodcock, snipe, plover, duck, and geese may be bought at ridiculously low prices and a walk through the Soochow game market is enough to thrill the nerves of the most blasé sportsman.

Soochow is on the grand canal, the oldest and greatest artificial waterway in the world, and reach it we had to pass along one of the numerous canals intersecting the city. Soochow, because of the canal, has been dubbed the Venice of the Orient, at the vile odors that rise from the canals, which are also the sewers of the city, make one

think of anything except the beautiful city of Venice. It is not pleasant to dwell upon the odors that assail the eyes of the odors that affront the nose, but I can say that if we had been navigating the rain sewer New York we would have had pleasant a trip.

Clarence E. Edwards.

**New Wrinkle on Great Bend's Horn.**

Those who are contemplating running for city offices next spring, which includes mayor, police judge, city treasurer, a councilman from each ward, will have to get busy in less than two months, when the petitions for candidates for city offices must be filed.

The primary law becomes operative this spring and applies to all cities of the state having over 5,000 population. The primary law does away with 'mugshot' tickets which have been named in many cities. These tickets have been known as 'Citizens,' 'Peoples,' 'progressive,' tickets and other such names. Hereafter only political party tickets can be put up in county and state elections.

All who expect to be candidate for mayor, councilman, and other city offices, must have nomination papers signed up in each voting precinct of the city.

Nomination papers must be filed with the city clerk not later than January 20 to be safe. The law provides that the name of no other candidate shall be printed upon an official ballot used at any primary unless at least forty days prior to such a primary nomination paper shall have been filed in his behalf.

The primary being held March 2, would make January 20, the necessary forty days before then, counting Sundays.

This means that there will be less than two months from now to circulate papers, get signatures and file the same with the city clerk.

Those who expect to be candidates will not have long after the holidays to get busy.

In fact the spring election will be started in full blast before the middle of winter.

The city clerk, January 15, will publish in the official paper a notice giving the list of the city offices to be filled. Five days later the time for filing nominations will close.

Twenty-five days before the primary on February 5, the city clerk must publish in the official paper an official notice giving a complete list of the nominees to be voted on at the primary, and also post three copies of a list of the city.

A party committee for each of the parties is also to be elected at the primary election. Here before the members of the city committee have been chosen at the ward caucuses.

**Rena Howell.**

Rena, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. B. Howell, near Heizer died Tuesday evening after a short illness from pneumonia. She was aged 7 years, 10 months and 23 days. The death resulted from an attack of measles a short time ago. She leaves to mourn her parents, 3 sisters and a brother.

Rena was a sweet dispositioned child, loved by her parents and friends and in her death the family have the sympathy of the community in their bereavement.

The funeral services were held Thursday morning at 9:30, the body being taken from the home to the Mr. Pleasant church where services were held. Interment was made in the Great Bend cemetery.

Miss Maude Bordner left Wednesday for her home in Lewiston, Idaho, after a visit of several months to Martin Weirauch and family.

Considerable petty thieving is reported from our citizens to the marshal and it is altogether likely that some one may get his before the thing is all over. Keep your coal house and cellar doors locked, and your weather eye open all the time.

**The Republican Campaign Fund**

George R. Sheldon, treasurer of the Republican national committee has filed the list of contributions for the recent national campaign. It shows 12,330 contributors, many of them covering a number of lesser contributions. The total amount contributed was \$1,655,518.27.

The names of individual contributors are given without specifying address or locality, this being the method of entering them when received, but addresses have been inserted as far as available.

The list follows:

\$110,000, C. P. Taft, Cincinnati.

\$34,777, United league, New York.

\$22,500, Union league, Philadelphia.

\$25,000, Larz Anderson, Boston.

\$20,000, Andrew Carnegie, New York city.

\$20,000, J. P. Pierpont Morgan, New York.

\$15,000, Alex Smith Cochran, Michigan.

\$15,000, William Nelson Cromwell, New York.

\$10,000, M. C. D. Borden, New York.

\$10,000, Whitelaw Reid, New York.

\$10,000, Frank A. Munsey, New York.

\$10,000, Jacob H. Schiff, New York.

\$10,000, Fred P. Smith, Michigan.

\$10,000, Edith Agnes Corbin, Washington, D. C.

\$10,000, W. J. Bohan, treasurer, Washington.

\$9,000, S. Vail and associates, Washington.

\$9,000, H. N. Coe, chairman, Washington.

\$7,500, Mark T. Cox, New York.

\$6,000, William Barbour, Paterson, N. J.

\$7,000, R. C. Kerens, St. Louis.

Then follows a long list of contributors of lesser sums.

**School Leases Void.**

One of the most sweeping opinions ever rendered by Attorney General Jackson is contained in a statement sent by State Auditor J. M. Naton to county clerks in all counties where there is still school land. The opinion practically declares all of the school land not now settled upon but under lease, open to immediate settlement. The opinion makes worthless leases thousands of acres of school land in the western part of the state.

The Legislature of 1899 passed a law to the effect that all lands should be leased to the highest bidder. A great deal of land has been leased under this statute. But when the Legislature enacted it evidently overlooked a constitutional provision which requires the revaluation of all school land every five years, and that leases must be based on this valuation. No one ever raised the point or this law might have been held invalid years ago for it is clearly in direct opposition to the constitution.

**New Move on Postmasters**

All fourth class postmasters in the states east of the Mississippi river and north of the Ohio river have been placed in the classified service by an executive order of the president. Hereafter all the appointees to fourth class postmasterships in those states must undergo civil service examination. Postmasters now holding office will not need to take the examinations. This applies to Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin and Michigan.

Sam Slentz returned to Lewiston Monday evening, and Ernest could not break away until Wednesday. The boys get along all right when they are out w but when they get home they sort of hate to break away from mother's cooking.

Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Dennis came up from Hutchinson Tuesday morning. Mr. Dennis to cry the Soden sale, and Mrs. Dennis to visit friends.